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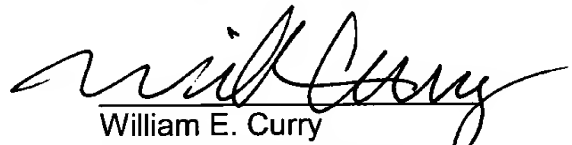
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## ABSTRACT

### 1. JP 7-211333

Fig. 1 discloses a separator which is made by inserting guide vanes 16 made of Ni-35Cr-15W alloy into a gas separating plate 15 made of Fe-5Al alloy and forming an oxidation resistant layer 19 thereon.

### 2. JP 10-012246

Fig. 1 discloses a bipolar plate 1 which is made by forming gas separating units 3, having characteristics of liquid crystal polymer, on the surface of an aluminum plate 2 and forming metal film 4 thereon.